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From: Christine Simon
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2016 2:59 PM
To: Angie Lake
Subject: FW: GOOD SAMERITAN ACT EXPANSION

From: Lillian Maples [mailto:~~lillian@lillianmaples.com~~]
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To: Christine Simon <~~CSimon@lillianmaples.com~~>
Subject: RE: GOOD SAMERITAN ACT EXPANSION

Dear Legislative Committee:

This letter is regarding the support of the two bills, HB 5649 and 5650. Thousands of Americans die each year not only from perscription drugs, but from many different substance use. Individuals get addicted to drugs for many different reasons and develop a tolerance needing higher and higher doses to get the same effect. Coming off drugs leaves them with horrible withdrawal symptoms, which makes it difficult for an addicted person to stop using. With needing a higher and higher dose, many individuals overdose and die. I support extending limited exemptions from prosecution to individuals of all ages for overdoes involving any controlled substance. Many individuals overcome addiction and then go on to live productive lives. Those lives are worth saving.

Thank You,

Lillian Maples, ACSW, CAADC